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Dear Sir
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Dear George - Many happy returns
of the day - I hope that your
birthday has been a real
happy one.

Thank you so much for the
pot of lilies - of - the - valley you
sent me at Christmas.

He had a quiet Christmas
all to ourselves but we enjoyed
it very much. Billy had ^{been}
right extra work for was not
feeling very brisk and stayed
in his dressing gown until
5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Eva came up for tea. I
wanted the boys also but
they went to Moses and
Charlie wouldn't come said
it was too cold. He wouldn't
let Eva come home so he had
tea all alone.

He had a lovely tree for
Baby Bill and he really
enjoyed it. He got some lovely
toy animals - the kind that
last for years - a horse and
waggon - wheel-barrow, gliders
feeding him - several books
and other toys. Liza gave
him his second volume of
Dickens - goodenia paper,
leather covered edition.

I did not know what to suggest
to Eva for your present so as
Charlie gave him some money
to put in the bank Eva said

for the chrysanthemums
which I received twice before.
They were lovely and we
enjoyed them ever so much.
Eva brought up two pictures
on Christmas night and I
chose Constable's Cow-field.

Thank you ever so much
for the sketch of George. It was
awfully good of you to send
it to us and we like it
immensely. I remember the
original picture quite well and
always liked it.

that she would do the same
with yours. Many thanks for
it. Billy's bank account
has not been increasing very
fast since the war broke out.

Bill had to telegraph a ticket
to his brother Walter in California
as Walter has been sick and
since then has had very little
work. He did not send much
money me and above the
price of the ticket and as
Walter hasn't come home yet
we wonder whether his
back board prevents it. 4. 6

There is always something unexpected turning up. Thanks fortune he can't get hold of the ticket money and spend it anyway.

Mrs. Campbell and William came in while I was writing so I couldn't finish the letter.

We went for a cuttendine on New Year's afternoon. Billy was for the first time I think. He had to go to Rosedale School and then down to the City Hall. Billy got so shaken up

by the drive that it started
the pair about his heart
and we did not go very far.
He called in at Maithland's
and found Joe and Gladys
just going and Dave, Sam D.
and Jack Jr. in the dining
room. There was no one to turn
Charlie's car so he did not wait.

Gordon had to go to Lindsay
for the day. He met the General
on the train coming home and
was talking to him.

Jack Canuck had a little article
about you being nearly arrested

in London as a spy - "The Doc"
who fights the bugs in the water.
He has been made a Lieut. Col.
but we think he ought to be
made a General.

Baby Bill was very sick at his
stomach one night. Dr. Goldie could
not come so we had Dr. Dille.
He said it was probably indigestion
but I think it was mostly from his
teeth because he has been so
nervous and would cry so when
in bed. He is fine again now and
plays out with us now like a big
boy. Have you seen Mrs. Stewart?
I hope that you got our Christmas
contribution if you had time and were
able to enjoy it. Lots much love from Bill
Baby Bill and myself. Your loving mother
Mabel



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